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Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Dr. Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. This position was previously held by Anne Bryant, pursuant to § 54.501. On behalf of the school districts of the nation, I enthusiastically endorse Dr. Domenech for this important position.

As a school administrator for many years in two primarily rural states, I have seen with clarity how important the E-Rate program is to bring broadband connectivity for schools and libraries. This support is essential for the learning opportunities students and adults require. In a globally connected society, ready access to information literally spells the difference between success and failure for millions of our students. The continued sensitivity of the USAC to these issues as they affect every state is important as schools expand technology for all.

As Executive Director of the American Association of School Administrators, Dr. Daniel A. Domenech represents more than 10,000 school district leaders from every state. His frequent interaction with those who lead the schools in communities large and small gives him a unique perspective. This perspective is useful in USAC consideration of the E-Rate program which is vitally important to local schools.

Dr. Domenech has extensive experience as a teacher, administrator and corporate executive before assuming his present position. He has served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, on the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, and on the Board of Overseers for the Baldrige Award. He is currently chair for Communities in Schools of Virginia, the Learning First Alliance, and the Board of Visitors for the College of Education at the University of West Georgia. He serves on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Student Clearinghouse, America's Promise, the Center for Naval Analyses, and the Sea Research Foundation.

You could make no better selection for this important role than Dr. Daniel A. Domenech.

Sincerely,

Benny L. Gooden, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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